

700 gather to celebrate MLK Day

by Monica Bruno
staff writer

Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream took another step forward Jan. 21 when about 700 people of all faiths and races came together for an interfaith celebration of the national holiday.

The celebration began at 9 a.m. at Fountain Plaza downtown. The crowd marched down Broadway to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, behind proudly carrying signs that read "Unity in Diversity".

They were joined at the church by others to form a standing room only crowd.

"What the world needs most today is love, sweet love," the Rev. D.C. Brown, pastor of new Canaan Baptist Church in Whitehouse said, "the kind of love that runs from heart to heart. When we rise to this kind of love, we can love black or white."

"We love them, not because we like them," he said, "but because they are God's children. We are all God's children. We must love until we see

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each other as brother, regardless of color of skin, because we are all precious in God's sight."

"We have some hard ground to plow and our strategy must be togetherness," the Rev. David Galloway, rector of Christ Episcopal Church, said. "We can do this thing, we can form unity, but it will take you and it will take us."

"We are committed to a new leadership, and we all have to articulate the dream," Galloway said. "The fact that we can gather here today shows that no darkness can keep us apart."

With firmness and God's love,

we can do this thing, with Tyler Together," Galloway said.

"This was the first march I have attended," English Instructor Judy Caswell said. "I went in appreciation of King's efforts to get equality, but I feel the white race has a long way to go in treating the black race equally," she said. "The speakers were excellent."

"My church was the host church, and I thought if enough people showed up we could make the community see that we have to come together and see each other as one group, as one people," Library Assistant Mary Ann McNamara said. "Martin Luther King Jr. was willing to put his life on the line for what he believed in."

"The speakers were good and it was just grand, but I feel there is still resentment, and we haven't gone far enough," McNamara said.

Soloist Ray Mahaffey sang "Let there be Peace on Earth" and "Let Freedom Ring" at the interfaith celebration sponsored by the Tyler Ministerial Alliance and Tyler Together Ministers.



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SPIRITED START--Tyler pastor Jerome Milton stirs the crowd of about 300 gathered downtown at the square before they begin the march celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Forensic team to host TIFA tourney this weekend

by Kristi Thorn
staff writer

"TJC and the Forensic Team have the privilege and prestige of hosting the Texas Intercollegiate Forensic Association Spring Tournament that begins Friday and runs through Sunday here," Speech Instructor M'Liss Hindman said.

The T.I.F.A. Tournament has a reputation for being strongly competitive and well-run. More than 200 invitations were sent out; 26 schools are expected to participate from several states.

"We are very excited about this tournament," Hindman said. "Our first response was from Harding University in Arkansas. We are expect-

ing schools from Arkansas, Louisiana and Oklahoma. We received calls from schools in California and Florida regretting that they are unable to attend," Hindman said.

Three debate competitions are scheduled: Ceda, Lincoln-Douglas and open debate.

Eleven other individual events are planned. A new group literature performance, interpreter's theater, has been added to the competition.

"Almost every classroom on campus will be used," Hindman said.

TJC bid to host this tournament. "We have excellent facilities and we are proud to invite schools to our campus," Hindman said. "The publicity will be great."

"We hope to turn the community

and other students on to forensics. Other students were recruited to keep time of the performances," Hindman said.

"We want people to understand what forensics is all about and root for us the same as they would for our football or basketball teams. Forensics is a highly competitive program that takes so much energy and hard work. It is beneficial and educational to students as well as the community," Hindman said.

About 10 TJC Forensic Team members will compete.

"This will be another good learning experience and it will make me better at what I'm doing. I have the opportunity to be involved in the behind-the-scenes work that goes into

tournament preparation," team member Mary Hill said.

"I hope to see the new performers and the older performers do well. I want to do my best and have a lot of fun," she said.

"This tournament will show Tyler hospitality and fellowship between schools. It is nice to have community support and recognition," Theater Assistant Becky Faulds said.

"Our students are learning how to manage people and time through this tournament. They appreciate the hard work that goes into putting it all together and making it happen," Hindman said.

"My wish is that all the schools take home a feeling of accomplish-

ment and learn something positive from this experience," Hindman said.

The competitions are open to observers. Debate competition begins at 1 p.m. Friday. The last round begins at 8 p.m.

Rounds begin 8 a.m. Saturday and continue to 8:30 p.m.

Semi-finals and finals begin at 8:30 a.m. Sunday.

The awards ceremony is scheduled for 3:30 Sunday afternoon.

Observers must check in at the ballot table in the Rogers Student Center and must be prepared to stay for an hour to an hour and a half, Hindman said. Leaving during or between performances is not permissible.

Sponsors extend Touchstone deadline

The TJC Touchstone deadline has been extended to Feb. 10. Entries should fit the theme, "Passages," Sponsor Gloria Peggram said.

All work must be typed and can be submitted in the Humanities and Social Sciences office, Jenkins 104.

Poetry lengths can range from three to 40 lines in avante-garde, free verse, light verse, traditional and haiku styles, Peggram said.

TJC Touchstone is a literary magazine contains photography, poetry, short fiction and art submitted by TJC students, staff and faculty.

Short fiction should be between 500 and 2,000 words. Works should demonstrate the skill and craft of writing with depth, originality and character revelation.

An individual can submit up to three entries in poetry and short fiction.

Pen and ink artwork is preferred, but works in any other medium--oil, watercolor or acrylic-- can be submitted. The minimum size accepted is 8 by 20 inches; maximum is 18 by 24 inches. Four works of art can be submitted by an individual. Artwork

must be titled.

Photography must be titled and sized from 5 by 7 inches to 8 by 10 inches. Photos should be of fine art quality, mounted with visual impact conveying the photographer's emotions to the viewer. Only three photos can be entered by an individual.

Works will be judged anonymously by a panel of student editors. Works they accept will be published in the TJC Touchstone magazine. It will be distributed on campus April 28, Student Publications Director Linda Zeigler said.

TASP signup to end Feb. 12

The deadline to register for the next Texas Academic Skills Program test to be given Feb. 22 was Jan. 24, but students can register late by calling 512-926-874, and paying an additional \$20 by Feb. 12.

Students who miss the Feb. 22 TASP test may not be able to pre-register for fall because their TASP results may not arrive in time.

Those who want to register early for fall should take the February test.

Students interested in taking the TASP test should get a registration bulletin in the Counseling Services Office on the second floor of the Roger Student Center. The registration bulletin provides general information about the TASP test, instructions for registering, preparing and taking the TASP test.

The next TASP test will be April 25. Registration costs \$20 and closes March 27.

Americans must heed King to become 'free at last'

Many workers and students in Texas received a chance to rest with the Jan. 21 observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

However, the vacation the nation needed was not one from work, but rather from the appalling buildup of racial tensions within the last year. Unfortunately, the opportunity was marred by groups of both whites and blacks that refused to learn the lessons King taught us.

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the son of a prominent Atlanta preacher, studied theology at Boston University. He captured the nation's attention in 1956 when he led a boycott of Montgomery Alabama's biased bus system.

"If cursed," King said. "Do not curse back. If struck, do not strike back, but evidence love and goodwill at all times."

King asked city leaders for the seats to be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis, rather than the then-still-accepted practice of Jim Crow laws. When the Supreme Court overruled the Alabama law one year later, he founded the Southern Christian Leadership Council to continue the fight against segregation.

The SCLC and the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee achieved numerous victories within the following year by peaceful "sit-ins," overturning segregation across the South. The success was due largely to the widespread practice of King's pacifist theories.

"We will match your capacity to inflict suffering with our capacity to endure suffering," King said. "We will meet your physical force with soul force. We will not hate you, but we will not obey your evil laws. We will soon wear you down by pure capacity to suffer."

On August 28, 1963, King reached the summit of his career with the famous "March on Washington" and his immortal speech. More than 200,000 marchers gathered near the Lincoln Memorial where they prayed for racial peace.

Then, in April of 1968, the light of the civil rights movement was prematurely snuffed out by an assassin's bullet.

People of all colors now remember what King did for equality in America. But, of course, some cultural anachronists failed to revere King's memory. The Ku Klux Klan demonstrated in Denver last week inciting a nearby crowd to riot.

Arizona's refusal to officially recognize the holiday has spurred a less publicized form of racism. Voters last year, largely led by business interests who claimed they were unable to afford another paid holiday in the year, turned down the proposal that passed in every other state.

The people of Arizona denied all charges of racism and stated that the people had spoken and were entitled to live with their choice.

The black rap group Public Enemy recently released a song, accompanied with a video, entitled "By the Time I Get to Arizona." The video graphically details the group blowing up cars, killing top government officials and finally poisoning the governor, all with the apparent intention of punishing them for not passing the holiday.

What is wrong with this picture? King spent his entire life showing us that the only way to achieve social change is to go about it peacefully, yet Public Enemy has ignored his principles. Their form of "artistic expression", much like the KKK, does nothing but widen the gap between ethnic groups. Does King weep to think that he lived and died in vain?

When we all overcome our prejudices and bitterness, fear and hatred, then we will be able to join hands and sing, "Free at last! Free at last! Thank God almighty, we are free at last!"

Drop with full refund to end Feb. 5

The last day to drop a class and receive a full refund of tuition and fees is Wednesday, Data Entry Technician Jo An Hickman in the Registrar's Office, said.

To drop a class, students must go to the Registrar's Office in Jenkins Hall and fill out an add/drop slip. Students will receive a refund check within six weeks.

For students who completely withdraw from school, the refund

policy is different. Before the first class day, 100 percent of tuition is refunded. During the first five class days, 80 percent is refunded; the second five class days, 70 percent; the third five class days, 50 percent and the fourth five class days, 25 percent.

After Feb. 14, nothing is refunded in case of complete withdrawal. Financial Services Cashier Janet Dennis said.

Instructor Shirley Bishop honored as MLK Scholar

by Montequilla Green
staff writer

Sociology Instructor Shirley Bishop was honored as a Martin Luther King scholar last weekend at The University of Texas at Tyler.

"I've taken 12 hours, including courses in sociology and psychology, just to keep abreast of changes in the field. I also want to get enough courses to teach psychology, but also to keep up with what is going on in sociology," Bishop said.

"I am leaning toward marriage and family as a specialty area, I really love that," she said.

UTT President George F. Hamm, recognized the scholars maintaining a 3.5 grade point average or above. The program is to encourage UT students to retain such academic excellence and to encourage others as well, Hamm said.

The ceremony came during a one-man documentary based on the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Bryan H. Barrows III, a communications instructor at Del Mar College in Corpus Christi, presented the play to focus on history and changes black people have made, Student Services Coordinator

Mondy Raibon said.

Blacks have changed their ethnic name approximately every 10 years, Barrows said. They have been called Negroes, colored and black. Now they are called Afro-Americans.

Before the Civil Rights Act of 1964, citizens had to pass a literacy test to vote. The literacy test given to blacks was different from the one given to whites, Barrows explained.

Barrows explained King's views on the Montgomery Bus Boycott, Malcolm X and his beliefs, the Kennedy Administration, the March on Washington and Vietnam.

Sex diseases threaten young people

By Mondale Dobbs
staff writer

Although the most deadly sexually transmitted disease is acquired immune deficiency syndrome, others including chlamydia, human papilloma virus and herpes are spreading rapidly among Americans. These are the most prevalent of 50 types of STDs, according to Smith County Health Department information.

One teen-ager contracts a sexually transmitted disease every 13 minutes, according to statistics.

AIDS has become the second leading cause of death among American men and the fifth leading cause of death among American women, according to reports at the Smith County Health Department.

To date, a million Americans have tested HIV-positive. It is estimated that between 165,000 and 215,000 people will die from AIDS between 1991 and 1993.

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with the virus during their college years," Derry Stimps, Smith County health educator, said.

Researchers now are concentrating on extending victims' lives.

A cure or vaccine to prevent infection is not likely in the near future because the AIDS virus attacks each person's DNA structure differently, Socia said.

Yet AIDS is not the only STD college students need to worry about. Chlamydia is a fairly new disease and Smith County has a high rate.

"We are seeing more and more men come in to the Health Department that have chlamydia," Stimps said.

Chlamydia is called "the silent sterilizer" because persons may have it and display no symptoms. Four untreated attacks of this disease will leave you 100 percent sterile, Socia said.

Human papilloma virus usually is the cause of cancer in the cervix, but it can be detected and treated if women have yearly Pap smears. Although a PAP smear can detect cancer, it does not check for STDs, Tyler Gynecologist Dr. William Streckert said.

HPV can be contracted in three ways: having sex before age 16, having sex with multiple partners or having sex with a person who has had multiple partners.

Herpes, another rapidly spreading STD, can be treated but not cured. It goes into remission, but excitement or nervousness will cause it to flare up again.

Safe sex is a misnomer with all these diseases. Using a condom will help, but they are only 90 percent effective, Socia said. The only sure way to avoid STDs is to abstain from having sex until marriage.

Video Club to tape valentine messages next week

The Video Club will meet at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Media Center in Vaughn Library basement.

"The club will be videotaping Valentine's Day messages," Club President Kara Rainer said, "we will

be at the south entrance of Rogers Student Center from 1 to 2 p.m. on Thursday. The video will be aired on Channel 30, Tyler Access Channel and Northland Cable on Feb. 13 to 16, Rainer said.

"All TJC students and staff are invited to send a special message to their valentine," Rainer said.

Club Sponsor Keith Adams would like anyone interested to come to the next meeting.

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ITV enrollment figures indicate growing popularity

Courses offer flexible times, full credit hours

By Billie Holsomback
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ITV courses are increasingly popular with TJC students, Learning Resources Dean Dr. Mickey Slimp said. In the fall a record 865 students enrolled in ITV courses. This semester 790 are enrolled, Denny Yarbrough, staff technician in the Registrar's Office, said.

When the ITV courses were first offered in 1986, approximately 250 students enrolled. For the first two years, students viewed video pro-

grams on KERA Channel 13 in Vaughn Library on campus.

In 1988 programs began airing on the local cable system. TJC pioneered the concept of video checkout that same year and became the model for the state. Each course has up to 30 half-hour videos which contain the information normally given in the class lecture.

"ITV is the major model for education as we approach the next century," Slimp said. "It lets you learn wherever you are."

Studies show that ITV students usually do as well as or better than traditional students in subsequent courses, Slimp said.

ITV courses are fully transferable. Transcripts do not show courses were taken by this method because the Higher Education Coordinating Board mandated that grading standards for ITV courses be the same as for regular courses, Slimp said.

Course requirements vary, but each uses videotapes rather than class instruction. Study guides are avail-

able and text reading requirements are similar to those of regular classes.

Tests are scheduled approximately once a month. These are the only times students are required to be on campus. Testing and review sessions are offered at various times to accommodate student's schedules.

It takes the same amount of time to be successful in an ITV course as in a regular class. The benefit lies in the the schedule flexibility. These courses work well for organized, disciplined and success-oriented students.

Instructors emphasize the importance keeping up with the lessons. "The main reason that students drop out of my courses is that they fall behind and cannot catch up before test time," said Joy Watson, one of three ITV sociology instructors.

"If a student has academic problems an ITV course is not the best option," she said.

Watson encourages her students to call and ask questions if they are having difficulties. The minimal personal contact with an instructor should not be a barrier to success.

Students must be controlled internally rather than externally and have excellent time management skills, Linda Watkins, assistant dean humanities and social sciences, said.

Government is the single largest ITV program. The enrollment has grown from approximately 40 students to 230 this semester.

David Ligon has taught ITV government for three of the seven years the course has been offered.

TJC has the lowest ITV dropout rate of any community college. Here 25 to 28 percent drop per semester versus 10 to 20 percent for regular classes.

"The biggest headache for ITV instructors is the testing since TJC does not have a testing facility as most colleges do," Ligon said. "Makeups are very difficult to handle, since they must be scheduled at the instructor's available times."

English Instructor Mary Adams teaches ITV ENG113. Students must send in assignments regularly using videos and a workbook she prepared.

"English is a skill and you must use the skill and receive feedback to improve the skill," Adams said, "so frequent interaction with the teacher is an important part of the English ITV course."

She encourages her students to phone her frequently with questions. She addresses each student by name several times in her written comments on their papers to make them feel that she is real and cares about them.

"I tell them to look at me as their penpal," Adams said.

Approximately 50 percent of Adam's ITV English students are on-campus students who need a less rigid time schedule.

"My goal is to make ITV English and on campus English classes the same," Adams said. "There is no distinction in the knowledge gained. The only difference is in the method of submitting work and receiving input from the instructor."

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Video library offers tapes for ITV, standard courses

The video library is the least known of all campus library facilities, but that does not minimize its usefulness. Located at the back of Vaughn Library and Learning Resources Center, this facility contains thousands of videotapes used in Instructional Television as well as standard courses.

Using videos most often are students in ITV courses. The check-out procedure is the same as for checking out books. Students check out tapes for classes they are in.

Once they view the lessons on tape, they check it back in and check out the next tape. An average course consists of four tapes, each containing eight lessons.

Instructors may assign students to view a tape in the video library. Students must go to the front desk and request the tape they need. The librarian will insert the tape into the VCR downstairs and students can see it on any of the television monitors located upstairs.

Any student considering taking an ITV course can view a lesson tape in the library. They cannot be checked out, because ITV enrollment is so large a tape shortage already exists.

"We constantly have to make more copies of video cassettes to keep up with demand," Library Research Assistant Mary Jane McNamara said.

McNamara believes that the increasing number of students who work full-time will cause the number registered in these courses to increase dramatically in the future.

The majority of those registered are students who come from distances of 50, 75 or even 100 miles away who cannot afford to make two to five trips to Tyler each week. The classes are just as challenging as normal ones and they require the same amount of study time, she said.

If you wait until the night before the test and decide to watch a large number of lessons, then you will fail, McNamara warned.

Inconvenience temporary as Jenkins gets new roof

By Bonnie Calman and Stephanie Hinton
staff writers

What is the racket in Jenkins Hall about?

The leaking roof is being replaced.

Jenkins Hall, one of the oldest buildings on campus, is being reroofed and some rooms repainted. Work began about three weeks ago.

Built in 1948, the asbestos shingle roof is being replaced at a cost of about \$160,000, Dr. Ken Dance, vice president for financial and administrative services, said.

During re-roofing, the front and west doors will remain closed.

"We're sorry for the inconvenience," Dance said.

Although only the east entrances to the building are open, students do not seem to be bothered by the closed doors. Most have just chosen a different route to class.

Freshman Colitha Williams said, "It doesn't really bother me, but I will be glad when it's finished so I can get to class quicker."

Brad Shipman said, "No problem. No inconvenience."

Workers said they have not heard many complaints from students or faculty. Covered walkways have been built to make people safer when entering or leaving the building. A temporary handicap entrance has been constructed near the north door, by room 106.

Construction worker J.D. Daniels said, "No one has really complained, even though quite a few people grunt at the sight of closed entrances. I hope everyone will bear with us until we finish and get all of the entrances and exits reopened."

"Students and staff have been cooperating with the temporary detours of entrances and exits," Physical Plant Director Bill Parker said.

Despite a week of rain, no injuries due to equipment or temporary scaffolds have occurred, Parker said. He indicated that work would be completed in the next three weeks.

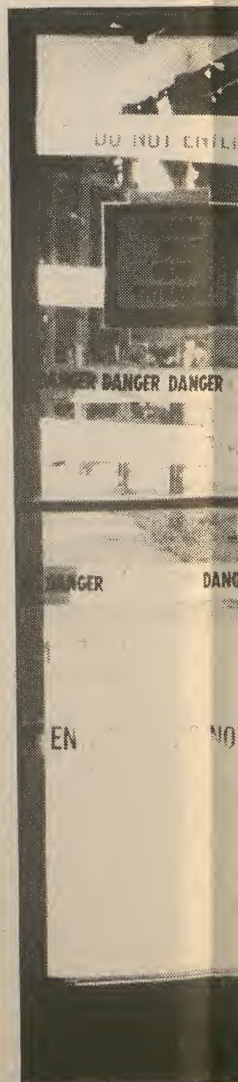
Most classes have been able to meet in their rooms as scheduled.

English Instructor Noamie Byrum said, "Congestion in the hall between classes is considerably heavy, but not a problem." She is glad of the repairs because her classroom was one that leaked.

Some interior walls are being painted. Painter Shelton Page said they should finish up the paint job in about two weeks. He is eager to see the results.



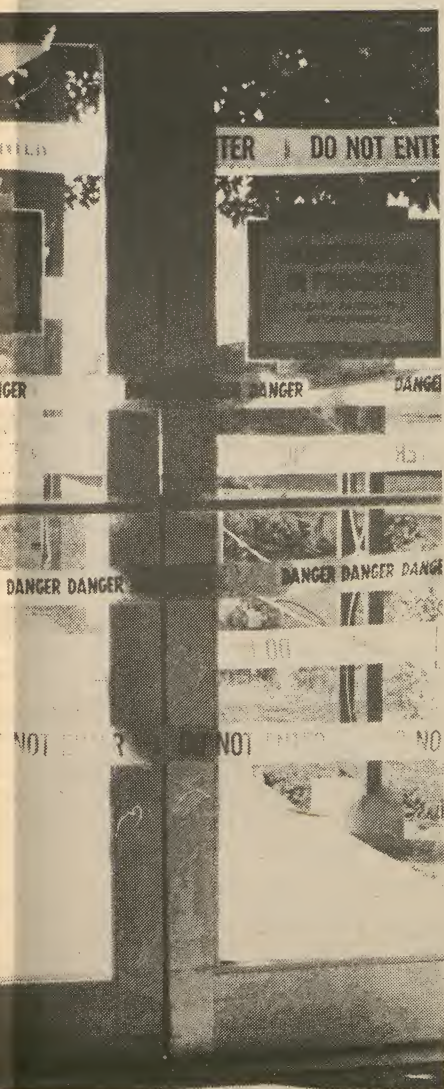
Up on the rooftop, tap-tap Renovation



tap-tap begins at the top



TAKE IT FROM THE TOP--Roofers battled rain and cold while students and faculty found new routes to spring classes in Jenkins Hall. Despite noise and uncooperative weather, the new roof on Jenkins is taking shape. The \$160,000 project replaces the original asphalt shingle roof constructed in 1948. With the prospect of no more leaks and only temporary inconvenience, students, faculty and staff tolerated the adjustments in reasonably good spirits. Physical Plant Director Bill Parker estimates that the roof job will be completed by mid-February.



Photos by Kristi Thorn



staff photo

PERSISTENT RAIN PRODUCES BUMPER CROP OF SIDEWALK 'SHROOMS -- Seemingly ever-present rain in recent weeks has resulted in students coming prepared for the elements. Here students trek between buildings with umbrellas open, the angle from above resulting in the resemblance to the famous fungus.

FHA conference draws 2300

Future Homemakers of America from 410 high school chapters met for a regional conference on campus last Friday and Saturday. About 2,300 students and teachers were expected. Virginia D. Chancellor, education specialist in vocational home economics education, led the conference, sponsored by the home economics program area of the Texas Education Agency.

The conference theme "The Ultimate Frontier," focused on family and concerns in family units.

Friday afternoon students competed in "STAR" events ranging from designing a business to simulated job interviews.

Friday evening they elected a new House of Delegates, which will carry out FHA duties for a year. After the election they attended a leadership session and a dance in Wagstaff Gym.

"Homemaking is considered non-traditional because there is so much male participation," Chancellor said, "Now it is for male and female students."

Enrollment down by 160 from fall

Tyler Junior College spring registration decreased by 160 students from spring 1991.

The enrollment count for the 1992 spring semester is 7,686, a decrease from 7846 last year.

"Last year a large amount of our enrollment was in Rusk at the Rusk State Hospital. This year we will have a miniterm or a springmester starting Feb. 17," Registrar Bill Willmeth said.

An increase in phone registration occurred.

"People use phone registration because of convenience and they can use their credit cards to pay for tuition," Willmeth said. Phone registration is not open to new students because they must submit an admissions application and go through numerous testing.

At least 2,500 students registered through late registration. Late registration was done before classes began at the request of the Faculty Senate. "It helps teachers start class before there are drops and it gives students a chance to decide whether they want to remain in a class after sitting there for one day," he said.

After 12 school days, an official registration count will be made.

'Texas!' gives music students taste of show biz

Three music students participated in "Texas!" at Palo Duro Canyon last Summer, Choral Music Instructor Steven Nelms said.

Scott Craig, Brent Roycroft and Angela Nelson were cast as the chorus and as understudies to lead actors.

The outdoors musical in htr West Texas Canyon runs six nights a week.

"It was a taste of what a long production is like," Nelson said.

The students went with Nelms to the University of Arlington for an open audition. They had to do a monologue and sing two songs. They learned in late March that they got a part.

Nelson had parts in the chorus and as Rachel Tatum, a prairie woman. She was understudy for Aunt Anna.

"I would really rather do opera,

but if one wants to find out if this is the career for them, this is a great experience," Nelson said.

The students got to see the business side of a musical production, as well as meet some interesting theater people, Nelms said.

Instructors are always willing to tell an interested student about an audition and help them prepare for it if they can, Nelson said.

Baptist Student Missions offer travel for students

Baptist Student Missions staffers are looking for students at least 19 years old who have 45 hours college credit.

Two to five mission trips are planned through the spring and summer. Trips include six to 10 weeks during the summer and seven days each during Christmas and spring breaks.

Mission trips go to places ranging from Arizona to New York. Some go as far away as Russia, Australia and Taiwan in such towns as El Portal, Calif. or Kazakhstan.

Students do not receive a salary, but all expenses are paid. The local

Baptist Student Union is raising \$2,300 for missions this year.

Applicants need experience in church as well as language, music, youth and sociology.

Former TJC students Cheryl Wilson and Karen Devault have gone on mission trips.

Wilson spent last summer in Vail, Colo.

"It was an educational experience," Wilson said. "I visited two local churches in Vail that had such things as vacation Bible school, college Bible study and fellowship in the mountains of Colorado."

The Baptist Convention provided

the money for her trip. Churches provide a place for the missionaries to stay and money for necessities.

"I barely spent any of the money since my roommate and I had to share a room. We did not need any food since the churches fed us," Wilson said.

BSU mission work includes projects dealing with children's ministry, PATH, Habitat for Humanity, nursing homes and charities.

Students interested in joining the program can contact Bob Mayfield at the Baptist Student Center at 1333 S. Baxter Street. Signup deadlines are provided in the information kits.

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HPE Center serves everyone

by Billie Holsomback
staff writer

Although the HPE Center registers approximately 21,000 uses per month, most users are TJC students attending class, Dr. Roland Schick, health and kinesiology director, said.

All TJC students, faculty and Apache Club members can use the Center.

"Students may also bring their immediate family members to the center if they remain with them," Schick said.

Gentry Gym is a multi-purpose room for various activities. Aerobics and country and western dancing are taught in the dance studio.

Ten racquetball courts are available for one hour intervals. Reservations for two or more players can be made up to 36 hours in advance by calling 510-2555.

The indoor jogging and walking track is used by many for a quick workout during the lunch hour and breaks between classes.

Health and kinesiology classes get priority, but facilities are open for general use from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

"The largest single use area in the building is the weight room," Schick said. Individuals can use 14 pieces of equipment to do 15 overall body exercises.

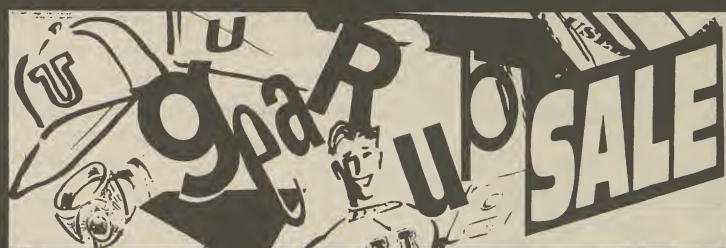
The weight room is open 6 to 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 4 to 7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 3 to 5 p.m. Friday, 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday.

The aquatic center which has a 25-yard pool, high and low diving boards accounts for 10 percent of the Center's use. The sports medicine clinic uses the pool's hydraulic lift for back rehab sessions.

The pool is open for lap swimming 6 to 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday and for recreational swimming 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, noon to 2 p.m. Saturday and 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

The cardio-respiratory room contains two rowing machines, three computerized bikes, four Airdyne bikes and two Stairmaster machines. The room is open 6 to 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday, 4 to 7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 3 to 5 p.m. Friday.

All HPE Center users are required to show their ID card at the control center desk. They must wear appropriate work-out attire. Only approved court shoes may be worn in the racquetball courts or in Gentry Gym, Schick said.



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Tennis coach sets high expectations this season

by Wayne Carter
staff writer

The seasons have not changed yet, but on the school calendar it's spring. It will be another month or so before trees sprout leaves and grass turns green and flowers bloom, but another hallmark of spring is here -- tennis.

The tennis team competes in the fall also, but spring brings the run for nationals. Tennis Coach John Peterson has high hopes for both men's and women's squads as they prepare for spring competition.

Peterson's optimism for the men's team is founded on an unusually high number of returning players. The only players lost from last year's national championship team were All-American No. 1 singles player and team captain Miguel Valor, All-Americans Jeremy Eastmond and Marco Pacheco and Erik Merrill. Pacheco and Valor were last year's No. 1 doubles team.

Peterson isn't the only one expecting his men to do well. The team is ranked No. 1 in the Intercollegiate Tennis Coaches Association preseason poll.

Valor's leadership will be missed, but the addition of some strong players should make the team better overall than last year, Peterson said.

Sophomores on this year's squad are: All-American Alberto Canzian, Henrik Eriksson, Jacob Henriksson, All-American Vlad Krystic, Jonas Lundblad, Leon Platel and Gavaska Williams. Two are ranked in the top 10 nationally, Krystic at No. 3 and Lundblad at No. 7.

Freshman team members are Guillaume Gauthier, Klint Graf, Max Nilsson and Corky Nix. Graf, a San Antonio product, is ranked No. 4 nationally in Boys' 18's Doubles and is becoming a force in singles, Peterson said.

Gauthier is reminiscent of Michel Tremble, a former TJC All-American now playing at the University of Oklahoma and ranked No. 25 in NCAA Division I singles, Peterson said.

Nix, from Athens, provides doubles depth and Nilsson has been a pleasant surprise as a walk-on.

Keeping everyone healthy and happy will be the most important

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thing this season. Competition will be keen with more players than spots on the roster, Peterson said.

Krystic is most likely to play No. 1 singles. He is the front-runner not only because of his talent but also because he likes to play No. 1, Peterson said.

"He's a sophomore, he's been there, he knows what it takes. He wants to play No. 1. He seems to play better at No. 1," Peterson said.

But, he added, "I think we have five guys with No. 1 talent."

The women's squad begins the season ranked No. 5 in the nation, the lowest preseason ranking for a TJC women's team "in a long time," Peterson said.

Peterson believes his team has

been underestimated by the other coaches who vote in the poll. "I may be naive, but I think this girls' team is better than my peers do," Peterson said.

Peterson is expecting a good season from the team despite the loss to graduation of last year's top three players: All-Americans Ari Cascinelli, Susheel Gulati and Susanna Labrador. As with the men's team, Peterson is looking to first-year players to help the team make a strong push for the national title.

Players returning from last year's squad are: Elizabeth Ameel, Priya Jayaraman, Debbie Poole, Renna Rhodes and Nabuko Kobayashi. Jayaraman and Rhodes garnered All-America honors last year, Jayaraman in singles and Rhodes in doubles. Kobayashi, a tennis tech student who served primarily as team manager last year, has shown marked improvement and could see some action this season, Peterson said.

First-year players are: Maribel Amadeo, Kristi Benson, Shawna Oliphant, Summer Ruckman, and Ana Golubovic.

Amadeo is ranked No. 14 in

singles in the preseason ITCA poll. Peterson said he expects her to "step up and really have a good spring" even though she is not highly ranked.

Benson is a former state 4A doubles champion and Ruckman and Oliphant, of Houston and San Antonio, respectively, achieved fairly high rankings in juniors. Golubovic, a Yugoslav in her first semester here, has impressed in workouts.

Peterson's high expectations for the team have been bolstered by strong performances in intersquad scrimmages with Southern Methodist University and Northeast Louisiana University, both NCAA Division I schools.

"I think this girls' team has a chance to be better than No. 5, but we have to work. We'll see what they're made of," Peterson said.

Men begin play Monday in Oklahoma City with matches against the University of Oklahoma at 8 a.m. and Oklahoma City University at 4 p.m.

The women begin with a dual match at 2 p.m. Feb. 10 at Southern Methodist University.

Both teams travel to Midland Feb. 13-16 for a tourney.

Racquetball Club builds impressive record

Racquetball enthusiasts at TJC know all about the Apache tennis team with its long list of All-Americans and sterling record in national competition. But the other racquet sport is less well-known.

Apache Racquetball Club with Sponsor Ken Ruether has built an impressive record in individual and team competition since its founding in 1989.

The Club boasts one nationally ranked member. Club President Jimmy Audas is No. 2 in the men's novice rankings for January and February.

The Club plans to play in the South Central Regional Intercollegiate Racquetball Championships Feb. 21-23 in Austin. As hosts of the tournament last spring, TJC finished fourth overall despite not having any entry in women's competition.

The Club also expects to be

represented at the Texas State Doubles Championships Feb. 14-16 in Denton, Ruether said.

Three Apache Club teams competed in the tournament last year. One team won the Men's B division, one made it to semifinals in Men's C division and one was eliminated in the first round of Men's 19 and Over, the toughest division.

"There are a lot of sanctioned tournaments all over the place, but we're leaving that up to the individuals. There are a couple of tournaments we will push hard because we'll be representing the school," Ruether said.

A round-robin tournament matching eight to 10 faculty members against Club members is planned. Similar competitions have been very popular in other semesters," Ruether said.

Ektelon, a top racquetball equip-

ment manufacturer, will sponsor a clinic at the Health and Physical Education Center.

"They expressed an interest in holding a clinic and we accepted their offer," Ruether said. "It's just a matter of setting up the dates."

The clinic, with a pro giving instruction and perhaps accepting challenges from participants, will probably be in late February, he said.

The club has had and continues to have a problem attracting female participants.

"It baffles me," Ruether said. "It's always been a problem."

They run a challenge ladder with matches played 6-9 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays at the HPE Center challenge courts. Anyone interested in joining should attend these sessions. Club information is posted on the bulletin board by Court 10 in the HPE Center.

Ladies drop Dragons, 72-67

The Apache Ladies notched a 72-67 win on the road against the Paris Junior College Dragons last Saturday. TJC led 37-23 at the half, but Paris rallied to make it close before TJC pulled away in the final minutes.

Monique McClelland led the Ladies with 19 points and 15 rebounds. Anita Dunn added 12 points and 6 rebounds. Other Ladies' scorers were: Audra Hart, 7; LeTresha Jones, 6; Veronica Turner, 11; Andrine Epps, 6 and Helen Davis, 5 points and 8 rebounds.

"I was pleased with our defense, but I wasn't pleased with our shooting or the total performance," Women's Basketball Coach Charles Mancil said. "I was glad to win on the road, but we were not up to par with what we are capable of doing."

Apache rally falls short, 91-89

Paris Junior College Dragons nipped the Apaches, 91-89, last Saturday. Paris led 45-36 at half time, but the Apaches came back pushing the game into overtime.

Walter Pitts led the Apaches with 22 points and 5 rebounds. Johnnie Moore added 20 points and 11 rebounds and Chris Foreman had 17 points with 4 rebounds. Other TJC scorers were: Sidney Vaughn, 16; Joe Wilbert, 7; Russell Watson, 3; Wayne Carey, 2 and Donald Thompson, 2 points with 8 rebounds.

Class teaches individualized fitness programs

A new class, HK 111X.50, is a physical conditioning class that follows up where most physical fitness classes leave off.

Students do not have to measure up to any pre-set standards of strength, endurance or toughness to register.

"The class will consist of an individualized program for each student," Instructor Nancy Li said. "This individualized program will be developed with the students' present health and fitness goals in mind."

This course is different from most conditioning classes. "Activities include walking, competitive running, using Nautilus equipment, exercise cycles, stairsteppers or rowing machines in individualized programs," Li said.

Li, who has experience coaching several sports including cross-country and track, knows how to construct exercise programs for beginners to professionals.

She was nationally-ranked long distance runner in the late sixties and

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early seventies. She also coached Olympic contenders and coached in China and Malaysia.

While this class is open to all students and has no prerequisite, Li would like to see serious-minded athletes participate as well as beginners.

Special training geared for those interested in competing in upcoming fun runs or road races will be available for those who want it.

Li will work with all students regardless of their physical condition or physical fitness goals to make an individual fitness program to meet each one's needs.

"The class is a great way to keep

up a physical fitness program that you can choose yourself and receive a one hour credit at the same time," Li said.

"It is primarily a chance for students to stay motivated, working with and around other students concerned with keeping fit," she said.

The co-educational class of 20 students meets Fridays at 2 p.m. and for another individual session. Li assures that class scheduling will be flexible as possible because workouts will be so individualized.